

# What are the 511 Leaders Doing?

Recent Enhancements to the Bay Area's 511 System

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## **Enhancements**



- Predict-a-Trip<sup>SM</sup>
- Real-Time Transit Information
- Transit Hubs
- Emergency Response
- MY 511<sup>SM</sup>
- New Transit Page & Transit Trip Planner (Coming Soon)

# 511.org





# 511 Modal Pages





# Predict-a-Trip<sup>SM</sup>



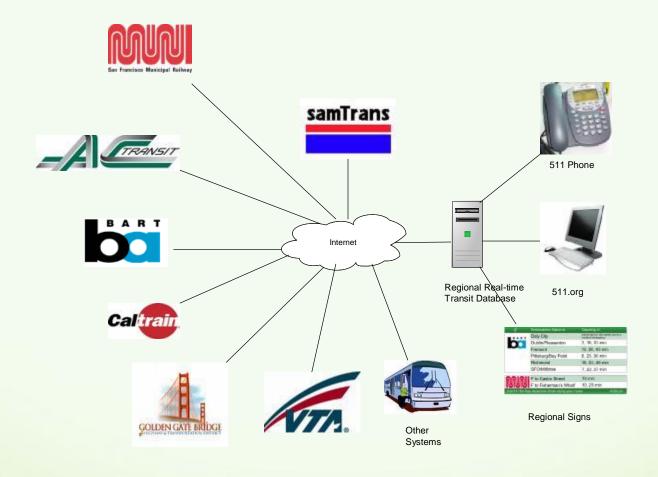
#### Predict-a-Trip helps you plan your driving time IN ADVANCE of your trip

- Uses historical Driving Time averages
- •Calculates a "typical" driving time for given O/D pair
- Enter day of week
  - •M, T-Th, F, Sat, Sun, holidays
- Enter start time
  - 15 min intervals, any time of day



# **Transit Departure Times**





# Regional Real-time Transit Program







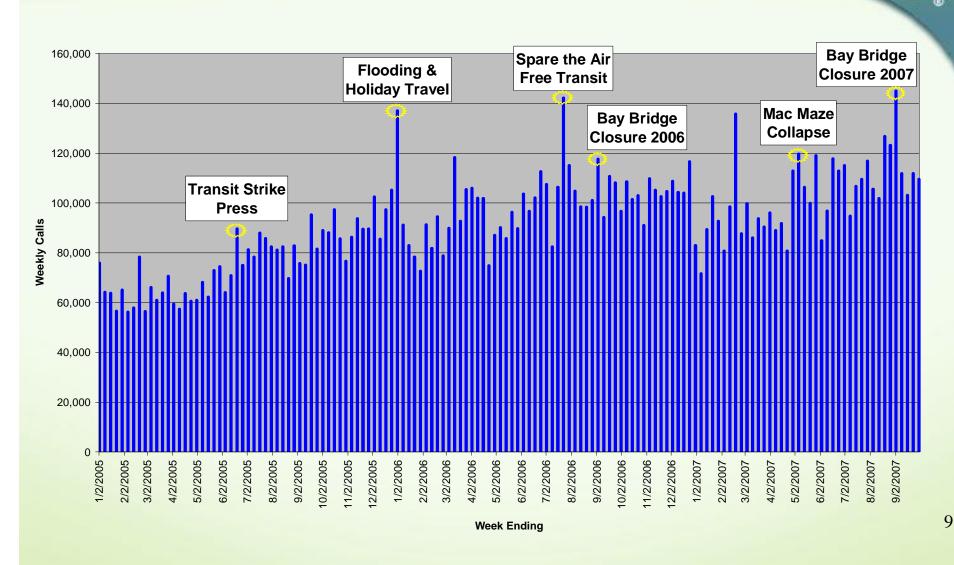
## Transit Hub Information





# Phone Usage Spikes in Times of Need





#### 511 During Emergencies

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#### **Challenges During Emergencies:**

- 511's visibility is high
- Information is changing rapidly and the quantity of information is, at times, overwhelming for Operations
- Call volume and web sessions spike greatly increasing capacity needs
- Users expect emergency information
  - Breaking news for traffic & transit
  - Detour maps and detour driving times
  - Public Transportation information
  - Rideshare and Park & Ride lot information
- Equipment may be affected by local emergency such as earthquakes



MacArthur Maze Freeway Collapse

#### **Emergency Response Toolkit**





#### 80W to 880S Connector is CLOSED Pending Inspection and 80E to 580E Connector has COLLAPSED



commute hours to avoid the



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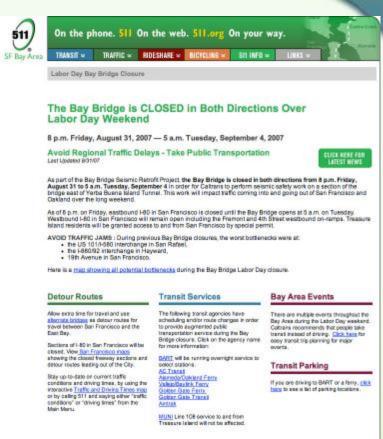
Francisco and the East Bay.

#### 511 During Emergencies



#### **Evolving Strategies for Emergencies:**

- Relocate equipment to server hosting facility in San Diego to mitigate effects of Bay Area emergencies (earthquake)
- Increase servers' capacities to handle emergency loads
- Reduce length of phone calls in order to increase # of calls handled per hour
- Develop protocol to streamline operational procedures during emergencies
- Using special webpages, disseminate emergency information desired by users



Special webpage for Bay Bridge Closure – Labor Day 2007

#### 511 for Public Outreach During Emergencies

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#### MacArthur Maze Freeway Collapse

- 511's visibility greatly increased after the MacArthur Maze incident
- 511 is recognized as an important public outreach tool
- During an emergency, 511 is expected to provide:
  - Breaking news for traffic & transit
  - Detour maps, directions and driving times
  - Public Transportation information
  - Rideshare and Park & Ride lot information



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# MY 511<sup>SM</sup> Enhancement



- MY 511 for Traffic and Transit Personalized Travel
   Information Service
  - Users register on web
  - Save trips with names like "Home to Work"
  - Call 511 and automatically hear the driving time for their route
  - Go to 511.org the real-time information for all their saved trips are displayed on one page
  - Sign-up for e-mail and/or text notifications

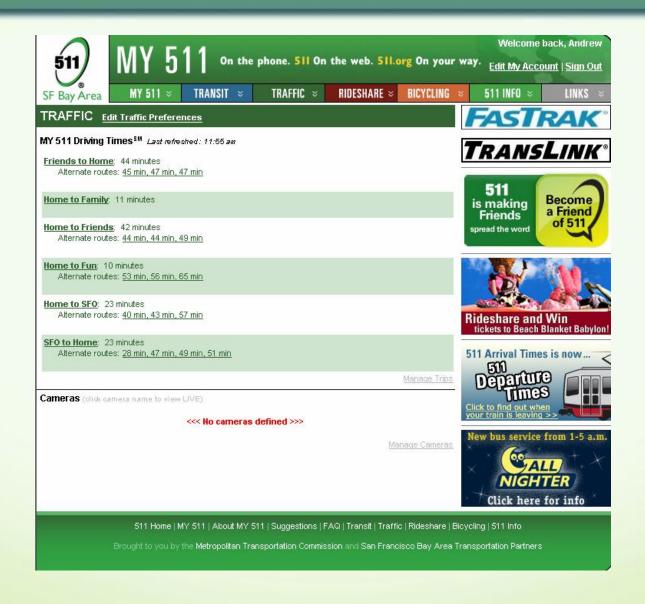
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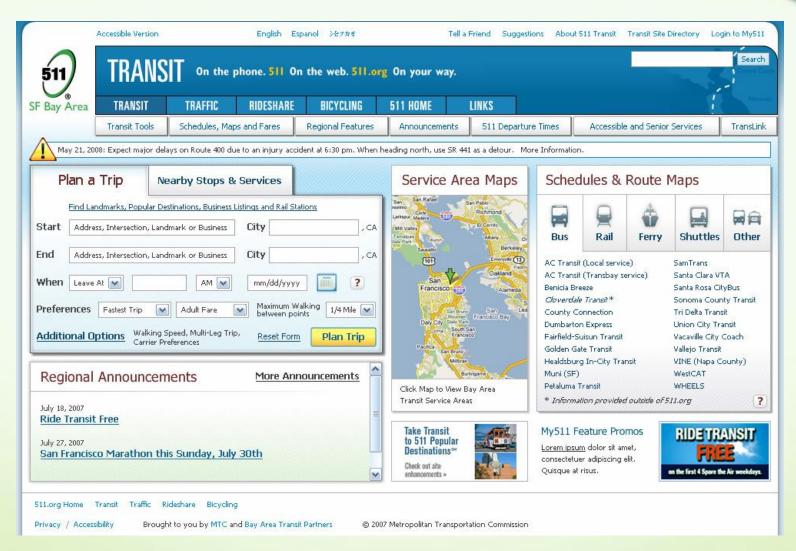






# Coming Soon - New Transit Page







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